

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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REFUGEE COORDINATOR LETTER NUMBER 05-07

TO: COUNTY REFUGEE COORDINATORS

This letter provides counties with proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Targeted Assistance (TA) Program allocations. The allocations were contained in the Notice of Proposed Availability of Formula Allocations for FFY 2005 Targeted Assistance Grants to States for Services to Refugees in Local Areas of High Need, which was published by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2005. A copy of the Notice may be accessed on the Funding Opportunities page of the Refugee Programs Bureau's (RPB) web site at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/refugeeprogram>.

California's proposed TA allocation for FFY 2005 is \$4,956,872, a decrease of \$331,209 from last year's final allocation of \$5,288,081. The state's allocation is the sum of the allocations to eligible California counties. County allocation amounts are determined by ORR according to a formula based on each eligible county's proportion of refugee arrivals during FFY 2000 through 2004.

As described in Section VI of the Notice (Qualification and Allocation), FFY 2005 represents the beginning of a new three-year period for which ORR has determined the eligibility of counties to receive TA funding. Counties were determined eligible if they ranked among the top 47 areas in the nation according to ORR's formula, which takes into account the following: the number of refugee arrivals into the county during the most recent five-year period (FFY 2000 through 2004); and the five-year refugee arrival population as a percentage of the overall county population; with a relative weighting of two to one given to the number of arrivals. For FFY 2005, eligible TA counties in California are Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Clara. These counties will remain qualified through 2007. Two counties that were eligible for TA funds in FFY 2004, Orange and San Francisco Counties, no longer qualify due to a decrease in refugee arrivals over the last five years. The ORR will not consider the eligibility of additional counties for TA funding until FFY 2008.

General comments on the Proposed Notice are due to ORR by July 18, 2005. If counties submit comments to ORR, RPB requests that it be provided a copy of the comments. Please send the copy to Ms. Bonnie Brady-Rivero at the e-mail address noted at the end of this letter.

Counties' proposed FFY 2005 TA allocations, as determined by ORR, are shown in Column 5 on the enclosed spreadsheet. A portion equal to five percent (5%) of each

county's allocation has been set aside for state administration purposes. Counties are cautioned to use the proposed allocations for planning purposes only. Final allocations are subject to federal funds availability and may be less than amounts indicated in the Proposed Notice. The RPB anticipates that the Final Notice will be published by ORR in August or September, 2005.

When the final allocations are announced, RPB will prepare the state's application for TA formula funds on behalf of all eligible counties. As a part of the application, the state must provide each eligible county's proposed performance goals for the six ORR performance outcome measures: Entered Employments, Cash Assistance Reductions due to Employment, Cash Assistance Terminations due to Employment, 90-day Employment Retentions, Average Wage at Placement, and Job Placements with Available Health Benefits. Counties should be prepared to provide this information to the RPB shortly after notification of final allocation amounts.

Should you have questions on the proposed allocations, please contact me at (916) 654-4356, or by e-mail at Thuan.Nguyen@dss.ca.gov, or Ms. Bonnie Brady-Rivero, Analyst, Policy Unit, at (916) 654-5964, or by e-mail at Bonnie.Brady@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By
Thuan Nguyen
On July 12, 2005
THUAN NGUYEN, Chief
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Enclosure

**PROPOSED TARGETED ASSISTANCE (TA) FORMULA ALLOCATIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005**

\$ 4,956,872

(1) County	(2) Total Five-Year Arrivals¹	(3) ORR Allocation Based on Arrivals	(4) State Administration	(5) County Allocation	(6) County Administration	(7) Services
	FFYs 2000 - 2004		@ 5% Maximum		@ 15% Maximum	
Los Angeles	12,232	\$ 2,013,966	\$ 100,698	\$ 1,913,268	\$ 286,990	\$ 1,626,278
Sacramento	9,342	\$ 1,538,135	\$ 76,907	\$ 1,461,228	\$ 219,184	\$ 1,242,044
San Diego	5,337	\$ 878,723	\$ 43,936	\$ 834,787	\$ 125,218	\$ 709,569
Santa Clara	3,195	\$ 526,048	\$ 26,302	\$ 499,746	\$ 74,962	\$ 424,784
Total	30,106	\$ 4,956,872	\$ 247,843	\$ 4,709,029	\$ 706,354	\$ 4,002,675

State Administration Funds	\$ 247,843
Local Assistance Funds	\$ 4,709,029
Total California TA Award	\$ 4,956,872

Notes:

¹ ORR arrivals figures. Includes refugees, entrants, Havana parolees, asylees and trafficking victims.

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